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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Inspections in Altenburg and Occupation of Kindel Troop Training Grounds

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EVALUATION see below [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 20 to 26 April 1954

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DATE PREPARED 13 May 1954

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 23 April, inspections of infantry and artillery service and athletics were held in the barracks installations (8001 and 8002) on the east and west side of Leipziger Strasse in Altenburg. Numerous officers inspected groups of troops at close-order drill and AT gun firing. The barracks installations quartered 600 to 700 men each. Troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Two x 152-mm guns, 2 x 100-mm AT guns, 7 x 85-mm AT guns and 4 x 45-mm AT guns were identified in the vicinity of the installations. [REDACTED]

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2. Between 20 and 24 April, the first advance parties arrived at Kindel troop training grounds. Troops observed wore red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets. During the same period, [REDACTED]
3. The following observations were made in Naumburg on 26 April:
The headquarters carried in the Hindenburg Kaserne (8383) made preparations for the transfer to the summer camp. Busses and command cars were parked in the yard. [REDACTED] After the departure from the subertus Kaserne (8382) of the artillery unit on 21 April, the occupation of the installation remained unchanged. The engineer unit, [REDACTED] was still in the installation. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Recruit inspections were also held in Leipzig the same day. [REDACTED] The occupation of the installations apparently did not change. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Compare with reports [REDACTED] from Naumburg and Kindel. The majority of the motor vehicles observed in Kindel again belong to the 57th Gds Mts Rifle Div and some to the Eighth Gds Army. The departure of advance parties as well as the preparations by the division headquarters in the Hindenburg Kaserne, Naumburg, indicate that, inspite of the airfield construction at Kindel, the division will again move to the summer camp just south of Highway No 84.

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